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COUNCIL PRESENTS DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION

The Student Council is presenting this proposed constitution to the student body for careful study so that ideas may be completely formalized when the general student meeting takes place at 7:15 P.M. Monday, March 5, in Commons. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss, amend and ratify the proposed Student Council Constitution.

A PROPOSED STUDENT-COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

I. The members of the Student Council shall be elected each semester or term at a meeting of the student body, held on the second Friday after the official beginning of the semester or term. The place of the meeting shall be determined by the remaining members of the preceding Student Council.

II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Student Council shall consist of five students to be chosen in the following manner:

1. From among those students with less than eleven academic credits, one representative shall be chosen.

2. From among those students with twelve to twenty-five academic credits, one representative shall be chosen.

3. From among those students with twenty-six to forty-five credits, two representatives shall be chosen.

4. From among those students with forty-six or more credits, one representative shall be chosen.

III. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

1. All students at Hamilton College are eligible to vote, and a mojority of the students shall constitute a quorum.

2. Nominations for each representative of each category shall be made only from among, and by, the students in that particular category. However, the voting for each representative shall be carried on by the entire student body.

3. The chairman of the Student Council shall be elected by the entire student body from among the three members representing the categories having twenty-six credits or more. In the election for Chairman, the individual receiving the next highest vote will automatically become Vice-chairman.

4. In case of any tie, another election between the tying men shall be held.

5. Separate ballots shall be cast for each category. Ballots shall be cast in successive order from categories four to one.

6. The nominee, or in case of category three, the two nominees, receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

IV. AMENDMENTS:

Amendments may be proposed by the Student Council, or by no less than one fifth of the student.body. They may be ratified by two thirds of the student body voting, and must be ratified or rejected at an announced meeting of the student body within three to five days after publication.

V. MEETINGS:

1. The Student Council shall take office immediately after election and at its first refular meeting shall convene with the outgoing council. The latter shall act at this meeting as an advisory body without vote.

2. Meetings of the Student Council shall be held once a week at an hour and place to be designated by the Chairman. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Chairman or upon the request of a majority of the Council.

3. Three members of the Student Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman shall constitute a quorum .

STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION continued

VI. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Student Council shall be to act as an intermediary between students and faculty and to be concerned with the welfare of the student body of Hamilton College.

VII. SUSPENSION:

This constitution may be suspended upon the advice of the Student Council, or the Academic Council, but only upon approval of the student body, if a more normal state warrants a reVisal.

VIII. RATIFICATION

This constitution may be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the students present. It may be amended by a majority of the students present before it is put to a vote.

JIVE QUINTET HIGHLIGHTS "SNOWBRAWL"

The social debut of Hamilton's newly-organized jive quintet featured the "Snowbrawl", the first informal social event of the current semester. The dance, which was an overwhelming success, was held at Soper Commons Saturday evening, February 24. The unexpectedly large turnout of eighty-five persons had a geeat deal to do with the successful evening, but the swing band's debut, Pete Ostroff's magician act, the "hanging" of Dwight Carter, and the delicious refreshments served at the "Back Room" each contributed to the fun.

Credit must be given to Dance Committee Chairman Toni Kuolt, as well as his associates Pete Ostroff and Lou Griffey, for the organization of such an entertaining and enjoyable affair.

The Hamilton musical quintet received uproarious approval in its debut. The group consisted of Dave Bishow at the vibraharps, Gordie McLeod at the drums, Fred Kuhner at the trumpet, Charlie Lewis on the piano, and Merv Geffen at the "Bass". The five, which was organized recently by Bishow and McLeod, gave an excellent account of themselves both in general entertainment and later in dance music. ?cLeod, in an interview between numbers, said that he was sorry that his group didn't have more practice before the performance. However, he did express the hope that, with sufficient practice in the future, the Hamilton jive boys might soon be able to play for us again.

The dance began at eight, and everything progressed very satisfactorily until numerous shrieks and a blackout left the crowd aghast with the sight of Dwight Carter hanging in a noose suspended from the balcony. The apparent loss of our popular Charlatan president left the crowd in sad spirits, but the beginning of the entertainment a few minutes later made it forget the misfortune.

The poor man's comedian, Pete Ostroff, then literally skipped on to the stage for his first routine of the new term. Pete, who does an excellent job amusing Hamiltonians with his antics almost continually, settled down to magic, imitations, card tricks, and the creation of a very energetic mouse. Ostroff's performance will no doubt make it possible for him to be engaged in important one-night stands in the future.

The "Back Room" opened immediately after the conclusion of the entertainment. The dance continued with the help of the new five-man band until closing time at midnight. Kuolt and the Student Council did a grand job in arranging this dance, and there have been vigorous pleas by the students for more affairs.

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FRESHMEN REVEAL HAMILTON'S ADVANTAGES

With a trip to New York City impending, Berrian R. Shute, professor of music, called a meeting of all Octo ber and February freshmen in the South Dorm lounge Tuesday evening, February 20. The purpose of the meeting was to give Mr. Shute a view of the college through our eyes which he could in turn pass on to the prospective candidates whom he will interview in New York.

Many interesting points were brought out by the twenty-seven students who attended. The advantages of a small college over a large university were placed at the head of the suggestions given by the fellows. The close association of students and teachers as well as the size of the classes made a great impression on the present Freshmen, and they considered the information important enough to be passed on to the new applicants. Mr. Shute was also advised to mention the gymnasium and college library. It was also pointed out that a candidate for admission is interested in the courses offered, sports program, living quarters, and the faculty.

Professor Shute left this past weekend for New York to interview boys who are considering entrance in Hamilton. He will return to the Hill on Thursday.

CLASSMATES IN THE WAR

This week, we have a letter from Chuck McKeen ('47) in the Philippines, who writes:

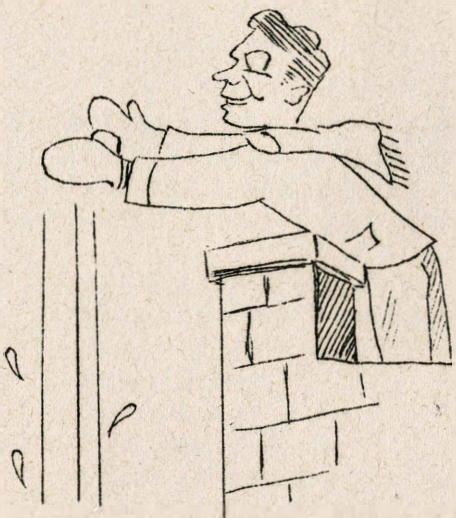
"We are quite well situated on a nice clean, sandy beach with the ocean for swimming at our front door, This is a typical tropical isle with coconut trees all around us. Coconuts, incidentally, are pretty darned good. I personally prefer the milk to the meat. We are living in six-man pyramidal tents equipped with electric lights and cots. We have our mosquito nets, spray and body lotion for use against bugs, but we are bothered little, being so near the ocean and strong breezes.

We have a short wave set in our tent and are able to get some swell broadcasts from the States and Australia. The natives here are very amiable and do our laundry and clean up around our tents. I was surprised to find how many of them could speak English. They seem to be fairly well educated and intelligent. Our native boy often comes in at night to listen to the news.

What is the possibility of my subscribing to HAMILTONEWS? I would surely like to see it".

From Mr. Pritchard's files, we have learned the whereabouts of Bob Klausner ('47), who is in the V-12 at Yale, Pvt. Bill Macey ('47), who is overseas now, c/o P.M., New York, and Pvt. John Buckus ('46), who is with the ROTC - AST at Ohio State. Pfc. Elton L. Francis ('45) was in Corsica when last heard from. He says he thinks the mountains there are lovely, and he likes the place better than Italy or North Carolina. Missing Hamilton, he says he thinks of the college often. Evidently the Far East doesn't seem to agree with Pvt. John Kellogg ('46), who has visited the two principal countries there. Having been to India already, he was "somewhere in China" in January. In a letter written November 5, from"somewhere in India", he said he thought it was terrible. John says he doesn't want liquor or women; he just wants a nice breath of fresh air. India, he finds full of marvels, such as the use of dried cow dung as fuel. He also said a few words about the complex political situation there

Gordon Smith ('47) is at Bainbridge N.T.S., taking his basic, after which he expects to go to Q.M. School. Chuck Hemenway ('48) (Oh Dear!) is at the West Coast Sound School in San Diege. His father says that if he finishes this course successfully, he should come out a Sound Man 3/C. Chuck Pollard ('48) writes us, "I passed my physical on February 12 and I expect to be called within 30 days".



CAMPUS CASUALS

by ALEX & SAM

We seem to have a lot of unrehearsed group singing (group -- that's K. Moore and Co.) at dinner these nichts. We who are not distinguished in any other field must try our hand at singing to make an impression, eh, Kiddies?

As far as the Charlatans go, there are some subversive activities around here. Every time a meeting for the dramatists is scheduled, someone immediately calls some other meeting of most of the student body. At this rate they'll never be able to produce a four-line dialogue. Saturday night may be the loneliest; Tuesday must be the only night in the week.

There once was a fellow named Bill
Who came here to work with a will;
But Allen has now gone astray,
And strengthens his voice every day.

Well, well. We hear that Willie and Georgie exchanged Valentines. Thome fun, eh fellowth?

Hamilton's Crappy Krupa has removed his drums to Utica since the last issue of the paper appeared. Power of the press? Now all we need for comparative silence is to stuff Kuhner's trumpet with an orange.

Now that "Coach" Moore has taken over the old swimmin' hole, a new rule has appeared outlawing profanity in the pool. And how about at the dinner table, Coach?

In connection with Kuolt's Date Bureau, we quote:

"Would you give a dime to help the old ladies' home?"
"What, are they out again?"

So somebody nearly succeeded in feeding citric acid to the Republican. But isn't the mouth big enough already?

"Intelligence is that ability on the part of the editors to distinguish between the naughty, the very naughty, and the terribly naughty. Will power is the ability to withstand the temptation to print the last class."

We wish that Fred Haze would cut down the length of his words. All of us are not so extremely proficient at magnifying, correlating, renovating, exhibitionizing, and incapacitating our stupendously arrogantive vocab ularies. Do you perceive-abilitationize what we mean?

Just think! If Dick Crossley had been born as Siamese twins instead of as a normal human being, he would have been a Double Cross....ley.

If you get hungry, just mix a few of these gooey gags with some lima beans and enjoy some succotash.

Editor's Note: These guys try, anway.

... ON MY MIND

by HOWARD L. JAMISON

When the news of the death in action of Richard J. Butler in France last month reached "the Hill", those of us who knew Dick as a student here were painfully shocked. Dick left Hamilton early last year to join the Army of the United States. He served until his death with the Medical Detachment of the 254th Infantry.

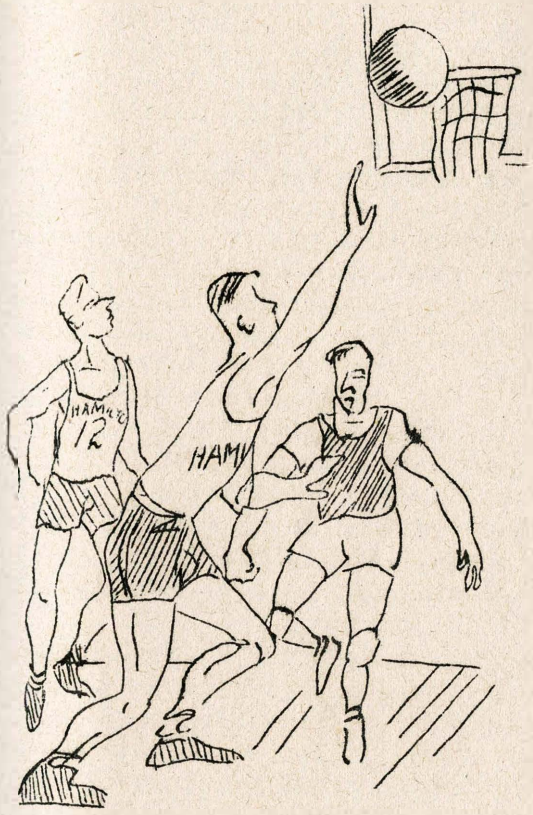
Dick Butler's dead.
Dick, so easy to forget he was around;
Dick, of all people for the Army to take...
Quiet Dick;
Calm Dick;
Slow Dick;
Dick minding his own business...
Dick strolling down the red path to Psi U;
Dick admiring the great fir tree that I'd written a comp about;
Dick patting Lloyd Williams' Rudy;
Dick kibitzing while Page and Keller and Dabbs and Leber played at bridge...
Dick lisping and stammering through his first ex-temp speech;
Dick writing four English comps in the last afternoon before exams;
Dick patiently washing dishes at the E. L. S. House;
Dick idolizing "Daddy" Dabbs...

The contests on the baseball machines at Frank's with Dick keeping score;
The single beer that lasted Dick all evening;
The songs Dick sang with us: In the Evening by the Moonlight, Gather Close, Mary Ann McCarthy, Minnie the Mermaid...
The blue suit Dick wore to Sunday chapel...
Dick leaving for "the duration" with half his things still lying about in his room;
Dick promising to write;
Dick waving good-bye...

Dick's letters: "I am really pooped out," "I've read a couple of Maugham's books... old friends of yours." "Maybe I can get to Hamilton before the most beautiful season of the year there -- autumn -- is gone." "The training is getting pretty stiff down here." "Well, take it easy, Howie, and the best of luck, ... Dick..."

Dick in an overseas convoy. What was it like?
Dick spending Christmas in France. How was it?
Dick's simple Christmas card...
What is it, this remembering?
Dick laughed, Dick talked, Dick died --
There must be more to think and say...
No line about a hero's death?
No word about the sublime cause?
Just, marching through a numbed mind,
Dick in blue ski pajamas hunting for his loafers;
Dick yawning and resolving to get more sleep
Dick going to bed...

CONTINENTALS TOP "AGGIES" 38-34 AS NATELSON SCORES 16 POINTS



The untried Hamilton basketball team won its first start by beating the Morrisville "Aggies" 38-34 in a last half comeback. The "Aggies", led by Camp. took an early lead and stayed ahead through the first half. Then Hamilton, steadying down to play a calmer game, scored 13 points in the third quarter and 12 in the final frame to clinch the game.

The starting team of Kuolt, Mayes, Dodson, Natelson, and Sherman were a bit erratic at the outset, both on the offense and on the defense, but captain Kuolt kept the squad in line. The other starter from last term's short-lived quintet, Bert Natelson, led Hamilton with 16 points, while Camp was high scorer fro the erratic-shooting losers with 13. Big Paul Langa, looking comparatively short next to the 6'7" Keys, played a fine backboard game, and showed speed on the breaks.

Coach Weber announced the dates for the remaining four contests. On February 28 the team plays Mt. Carmel at 8:30 P.M.; March 2, Rome Air Depot, 8:00 P.M.; March 7, Drop Forge, 8:00 P.M.; and March 15, Willowvale at 8:00 P.M. The faculty and students are invited to see the games.

Line-ups:

HAMILTON

pos.		f.g.	fls.	tp
RF	Kuolt	3	0	6
	Fry	0	0	0
LF	Mayes	3	0	6
	Wright	0	0	0
	R. Moore	0	0	0
C	Dodson	0	0	0
	Langa	1	1	3
RG	Natelson	6	4	16
	Swartz	0	0	0
LG	Sherman	3	0	6
	Mills	0	1	1
	TOTAL	16	6	38

MORRISVILLE "AGGIES"

pos.		f.g.	fls.	tp
RF	Camp	6	1	13
LF	Seibert	4	2	10
	Wakeman	0	0	0
C	Keys	3	0	6
	Larkin	0	0	0
RG	Turner	2	1	5
LG	Woodworth	0	0	0
	Jenny	0	0	0
	Grimm	0	0	0
	TOTAL	15	4	34

SCORE AT HALF - AGGIES 16 HAMILTON 13

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NEW HARTFORD CLINCHES HAMILTON SWIMMING LEAGUE TITLE

Those who attended the swimming meet last Wednesday night were thrilled by Alfred Leblanges's 0:27.2 for the 50 yd. freestyle league and sectional record, Frank Kitla's new high for the league in diving of 32.63, and Utica Free Academy's swimmers, K. Starzewske, H. Lamunion, C. Jones and S. Jones who swam to a record in the 200 yd. freestyle of 1:59.

But with all that, New Hartford nosed out Utica Free Academy to win the Hamilton League Swimming championship. The standings are as follows.

	won	lost	
New Hartford	4	0	1.000
Utica Free Academy	3	1	.750
Rome Free Academy	2	2	.250
Proctor High School	1	3	.250
Sherrill High School	0	4	.000

PROFILE.....DR. ARTHUR PERCY SAUNDERS

Protesting that he was not the sort of person who gets interviewed and asking to know what we wanted with him, Dr. Arthur P. Saunders settled into an easy chair before the fireplace in the dining room of his home on Griffin Road, and prepared to answer whatever questions we had prepared for him. As two lively Kairns ran noisily around him, Dr. Saunders dug into the past to recall his first years at Hamilton.

The Doctor and Mrs. Saunders arrived on "the Hill" in 1900, and made their home in the building now occupied by Mr. Shute and his family. From that time until the spring of 1940 Dr. Saunders taught Chemistry to generation after generation of Hamilton students. "We had lots of fun in the lab", Dr. Saunders smiled. "Plenty of explosions."

The College at the turn of the century was a very different place from the Hamilton of today, according to Dr. Saunders. The student body numbered about 175, and North and Old South, were the only dormitories. There were also far fewer faculty homes on "the Hill", and when the Saunders' moved into their Griffin Road house their only neighbors were the family of Professor Ward, who lived where Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Dale now reside.

But Dr. Saunders is not the sort of man to live either in loneliness or in idleness. In 1903 he began work for which he is now widely known, his breeding of new varieties of peonies. Since his retirement Dr. Saunders has devoted himself almost entirely to his peonies. When he is not busy caring for his flowers, he is writing or talking about them. But as owner and chief caretaker of between thirty and forty thousand plants, Dr. Saunders finds little time for writing or speaking except in winter.

Dr. Saunders did not begin his gardening as peony specialist at all, but after several seasons he found that the peony, a botanical cousin to the buttercup which is native to Yunan Province, China, was able to withstand the rigors of our long, cold winters better than most other flowers. Soon he became absorbed in the problem of breeding new types of peonies by intercrossing wild species. Through the process of trial and error and what he terms "a lot of fool tricks" Dr. Saunders has won renown for his new species.

Dr. Saunders came by his botanical interests legitimately for his father served for many years as Director of Experimental Farms for the province of Ontario, Canada, where the Doctor was born seventy-five years ago. In this capacity the elder Saunders tested many varieties of wheat in a long search for a variety suitable for the short Canadian growing season that would be the equal of the best commercial wheats. Soon our Doctor was absorbed in the problem and spent a whole summer testing wheats in the Canadian Northwest. Later another of the five Saunders brothers took over the problem, and after much careful work raised the first Marquis and Reward Wheats, which shortened the growing season by two vital weeks.

Dr. Saunders' second great interest, music, also stems from his earliest years, for he has been playing Chamber Music since he was eleven. Until recently he devoted himself to the violin, but he now plays the viola, which, according to Dr. Saunders, does not require such constant practice as the violin. Dr. Saunders is an active participant in the work of the Utica symphony.

Approaching music from the angle of the listener, Dr. Saunders is giving a series of lectures at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute on Tuesday evenings in February, March, and April.

Rather than talk about himself, the Doctor discussed many aspects of college life and of life in general. He ranged from international affairs to his friend Alexander Woollcott, whom he characterized as "a wonderful guy, a warm-hearted

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

The Student Council, after weeks of diligent preparation, has finally presented a proposal for a charter to prevent further bickering over representation and limitation in regard to the Council. The first draft of the charter, which appears on Page 1 of this issue, attempts to cover these problems. The charter as it now stands bases representation on seniority and majority representation. There is some merit in having the majority of the councilmen from the groups who have been here longest. These men know the ropes and are more capable of carrying out their duties. It is also understandable that the council wanted to give the upper-freshmen-sophomore group more representation than the other classes because that is the group which controls the majority of the votes.

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But a charter or a constitution must be based on permanency. It is true that the constituiton "may be suspended... when a more normal state warrants... revisal." But the constitution does not foresee approaching changes in class sizes. Perhaps the majority of students will be drafted before they reach the 45 credit classification. Perhaps the upperclassmen at present are the smallest group in the school. But there will be veterans and 4F's, and there is even a possibility that with the late accelerated program many of the present sophomores will reach the 45 credit group to make it a more influencial body.

The proposed constitution is flexible enough to fit most situations. The council has presented a firm basis to work on. We have until May to ratify the final draft of the constitution. We may not agree with all the clauses. We may wish to add more specific stipulations. At the meeting Monday evening we must be prepared to discuss and amend or adopt this constitution so that it will take care of any eventuality should it arise. It is our work now.

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SWIM MEETS

The Utica High School Swimming Championship meet will be held in the Hamilton pool on March 12, at 7:45 P. M. On March 10, at 2 P. M., the Class A, Section 3 Swimming and Diving Championships will be decided at the Hamilton pool. Both of these events give every opportunity to set new records. If you want to see some good swimming come to both of these events.

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Profile..... Dr. SAUNDERS (Contd. from Page 7)
humane person, though rather cantankerous."

But the afternoon was wearing on and it was time to leave this vivacious gentleman. The only consolation in parting from him was an invitation to return "sometime when you don't have to."

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Because HAMILTONEWS is carrying important details of the proposed Student Council Charter, the HAMILTONEWS FORUM will not appear in this issue. Next week the topic will be: What Should an Ideal College Be Like, as discussed by F. O. Hayes and D. A. Tapper. All suggestions as to forum topics are welcome.

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